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Mr James Garcia

Box 300 Battinfield Calif.  
2/3 Legion Ranch  
April 26

Dear Sir:

I was awful sorry I didn't get to see you the last time you was out here. But I was talking to Mrs. May and he told me to write to you, and find out, if I can have some lumber and build a house go on about the same size house they have been building for the others. and some floor for the other house.

Hoping to hear words from you

yours sincerely

James Garcia

Battin.  
Windows  
roofing

## Broiled Sardines on Toast

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pepper  
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animals and dispose of them.  
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## ADOBE HOMES OF TEJON INDIANS THREATENED

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dunes should be preserved as historical monuments.

In 1936 the government added two rooms to each house for the families that wanted more room, he said, but the original sections are still standing.

### Taken Frequent Trips

Pete's two children were raised by an aunt, who was a native Tejon Indian, and he has made frequent trips into the valley for years. He is a second cousin of the Williams family of Indians, Piutes, who live in the Piute mountains.

His mother was a native of the Sebastian Indian Reservation. His wife is a member of the Tache tribe, Lake Lake Indians.

"All of the Indians speak different dialects, and all of them in this area are related," he said. "Few words of the Indian dialects are the same. For example, water in Yokuts' tongue is 'po,' he said, while in his wife's Tache language it is 'ilic.'

"We could not understand each other if we did not speak English," he said. Pete also knows Spanish, and a good many Indians also know Spanish, he said. His own mother learned many skills at the San Juan Baptista Mission school, as she was one of the mission in-

dians. The missions protected the Indians for many years," he said.

"Our family has never been on relief, and we have never asked for anything we did not earn," Pete observed proudly. "He attended school in Hanford, but left school quite early. During the years of the depression, he made his living trapping for fur in the Mount Shasta country.

### Enjoys Museum Work

He enjoys the work at the museum, and is greatly interested in what will go into the Indian part of Pioneer Village now under construction.

He was employed by the city of Hanford for some years before coming to Bakersfield to work for the museum.

"I have been treated alright," Pete maintains, although some of the Indians do not think they have been. "They would like to be left to live as they choose," he said.

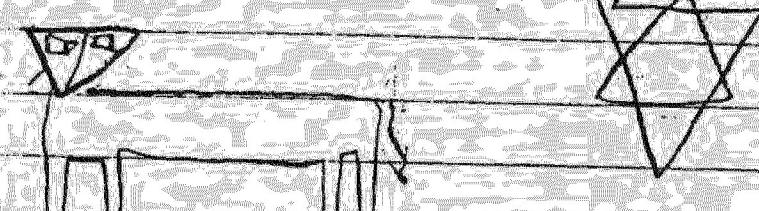
He thinks that there are original colonies of native Indians living near Kernville, Tehachapi, Mono Lake, Weldon and Orvin. "Old Indians, when they are moved away from their home place," he observed, and pointed to the death of Grandma Williams as a case in point. "They should not be disturbed," he said. Whenever they are moved they don't last long."

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The sardines  
slightly brown  
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The sauce over  
the sliced hot boiled eggs.

Jammed with the sliced hot boiled eggs.  
(Serves six)



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# Adobe Huts of Tejon Indians Threatened

Fear of destruction of the more than 100-year-old homes of the Tejon Indians in Tejon canyons was expressed today by Indians who have been informed that the unoccupied adobes are to be razed.

Officials of the Tejon Cattle Company could not be reached today to deny or confirm the rumors which are harrying the Tejon Indians. More than a quarter of a century ago they were defended by friends from threat of removal from their ancestral lands. At that time, the late E. Emmons, attorney, and other friends successfully defended the legal rights of the Indians to remain upon their ancestral lands.

Pete Barrios, one of the descendants of the original Yokuts Indians, who is an employee of the Kern County Museum, and who frequently acts as an interpreter for the Indians and helps them with their affairs, said that rumors are



PETE BARRIOS  
... tells rumors

persistent in the Tejon canyon that the adobe homes of the Indians are to be razed.

Some of the Indians who are unable to do ranch work, or who have not been employed by the cattle company, have come to Bakersfield to work and live, he said. There are about 10 homes, and about half of these are occupied now, he said.

#### Household Articles Periled

Some of the Indians, who have household articles in the adobes, are planning to move them out, because they do not want them destroyed.

Pete believes that the Indians can be happy if they are left to live "the way they want to live."

"There are so many laws now that the Indians do not understand. They get papers to sign and questions to answer. I help them make them out, and sometimes I don't understand them myself."

Pete said that he thinks the "old Indian adobes are the oldest houses in the state. I have seen like them anywhere."

## Sales of Indian Ancestral Lands Recorded Here

Sales of Indian lands are going forward under the state Indian policy, which has been severely criticized here by those who have seen Indians dispossessed of ancestral homes by the procedures, it was learned today.

Kern county Indians on the south slope of Piute mountain were recently told they had to move. Matriarch of the Williams family, Grandma Emma Williams, more than 100 years old, died Saturday, some say of heartbreak at having to leave her mountain home. Surviving are her daughter, Sophia Williams, 69, and grandson Harry Williams, World War II veteran. Other Indians being evicted from their homes on the mountain are Willie Leon, 50, and Jack Brown, 62.

The sales made, according to county records, are as follows: Northwest one-fourth of Section 30, Township 29, Range 34, Indian allotment to Jack Jelospin, sold to James Scoble, Caliente. (This is the Old Rancheria near the ranch of Merton Weatherwax).

Southwest one-fourth of Section 10, Township 28, Range 35, in Kelso valley, Indian allotment to Charles Butterbred, sold to Henry A. McKay, 236 West Fifty-fifth street, Los Angeles.

South one-half of the northeast and the north one-half of the southeast quarters of Section 8, Township 20, Range 35, an Indian allotment to Refugia Williams sold to Alvin T. Bodie, Box 2084, Mojave.

The policy of the state seems to stem from an allocation of funds to pay off Indians with land claims. Payment of such claims is supposed to release the federal or state government from all obligations to the Indians.

Some of them have believed that they must take the money, and others have never understood what the law has meant, friends of the Indians declare.

In 1851, the Indians made a treaty with the federal government in which certain mountain lands were given up for valley lands. The